Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, First Sergeant Warren C. Nelson's dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

Whereas, First Sergeant Nelson has served as an outstanding Soldier in the South Dakota Army National Guard maintaining the security and safety of our cities, state, and nation, all the while providing "world-class" support to our nation's National Guard, Reserve, and Active Component soldiers; and,

Whereas, First Sergeant Nelson has, over the years, continued to strive to provide every-increasing levels of service through his acute attention to detail, diligence, and training of fellow soldiers and personnel; and,

Whereas, First Sergeant Nelson has frequently made himself available for additional and special duty in order to care for and ensure soldiers are properly trained; and,

Whereas, It is altogether fitting and proper as Governor to recognize First Sergeant Warren C. Nelson's patriotism, loyalty, dedication, and compassion over the 41 years and 8 months of faithful service to the South Dakota Army National Guard and our great nation:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 2, 2009, as

FIRST SERGEANT WARREN C. NELSON DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States of America.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State